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SAYS STATE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT HIGHWAY COMMISSION

"No state can afford not to have a well-organized and comprehensive state highway commission," declared J. A. Rountree, director-general of the United States Good Roads association, who was in the city this week. Mr. Rountree also is field representative of the Bankhead Highway transcontinental convoy of the U. S. army that is making the trip across the continent. He was en route to Yuma, where he will rejoin the convoy on to Los Angeles.

In expressing his opinion in regard to the establishment of a state highway commission, Mr. Rountree continued: "This commission should be composed of representative business men coming from all parts of the state, representing the different sections and interests and imbued with the best interest of the entire state in building a great system of highways and not mere local roads to please certain towns and cities.

"The commission should have the power to select an engineer who is a real road builder and a man of ability. Let him come from whatever state they can procure him. He should do the engineering and road building and not be forced to play politics in locating highways and pleasing communities. The location of the roads should be left to the state highway commission which should take into consideration the welfare and best interests of the entire state and if possible be unanimous on all questions.

"The federal government gets best results in those states which have highway commissions. With the interest that the government is taking in building roads and national highways it is of the greatest importance that Arizona should have a well-organized department. Arizona has some splendid sections of road and she has some sections that are not so good. I have no doubt that if she has a well-organized state highway commission it will not be long before she will have a great system of highways that will compare favorably to any in the Union.

"I have gone over your proposed highway commission bill and consider it an exceptionally practical and constructive measure, with no opportunity for the sectional advantage of any portion of the state."

Mr. Rountree left the Bankhead highway convoy Thursday for the purpose of meeting Mrs. Rountree and their daughter and son at Bowie, Arizona, going to Globe and coming to Phoenix by way of the Roosevelt dam and Apache trail. He is an enthusiast of the Apache trail and Roosevelt dam. He considers it one of the great wonders and attractions for the tourist and sightseers and advises his friends in the East not to fail to see these attractions when in Arizona and urges the people of Arizona to maintain the Apache trail as a part of their state highway system.

MEETING WEDNESDAY OPENS D. A. R. SEASON

With the general resumption of club activities, Maricopa chapter of the D. A. R. will open its season's work with a meeting at the Woman's club building next Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 29, at 2:30 o'clock. The regent, Mrs. Dryer, will preside, and Mrs. A. G. Cate will be hostess on the occasion.

After the regular business meeting, an interesting program will be rendered. This will consist of musical numbers and addresses. Mrs. Hammett will lead in a discussion on certain phases of the constitution of the United States, and on account of the proposed national celebration of the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims will be given.

Col. J. H. McClintock will deliver the principal address, his subject being that of the public library, its origin and growth. Colonel McClintock is well prepared to give a most instructive and interesting account of this valuable asset to the city.

A special invitation is extended to visiting members and others interested in the work of the organization. A social hour will follow the program.

Where the People May Have a Hearing

Editor Arizona Republican: Yesterday at Mesa I heard Governor Cox speak. He made a convincing speech, but there are a few points I do not clearly understand.

Governor Cox said we must have the league of nations to guarantee peace. Have we not a treaty with France and England providing that if France is attacked, England and the United States shall come to her aid? Wasn't this treaty made while Wilson was in France, (with his approval) and before the senate refused to ratify the peace treaty? If so, then why this treaty, if England, France or the United States had any faith in the league of nations.

Cox says "Disarm." Why expect nations to disarm when even the towns and cities of our own country depend upon an armed force to keep order and protect their citizens? In event of disarmament what is to prevent any nation from dropping a few hundred tons of explosives on our cities? A treaty—"only a scrap of paper."

Then Governor Cox is going to build storage dams with the money saved by disarmament.

Is there a plank in the Democratic platform to that effect, or was that part of his speech made to fit the situation and locality?

Again Governor Cox said the promise was given the mothers that this war would make other wars impossible. Was not that only a Democratic promise? If the league of nations was in force how would Cox stop the seventeen wars now being fought? Has congress ever refused to send troops out of the United States when the president has asked that they be sent?

Governor Cox said the women voters would vote for him and the league. Wasn't the election in Maine fought on a straight league or no league issue? Wasn't the Republican plurality there the largest ever known? He speaks of "Democratic prosperity." Are the prosperous times caused by the Democratic administration or was not the great foreign demand for our goods caused by the war?

He supports the present administration. Has he forgotten the hundreds of Americans killed in Mexico? The

ignoble attempt to make Huerta salute the flag? The expedition in pursuit of Villa—the policy of "watchful waiting."

When Governor Cox or any of his followers can give satisfactory answers to the above questions, then I shall take down the picture of Washington—"First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his fellowmen," and

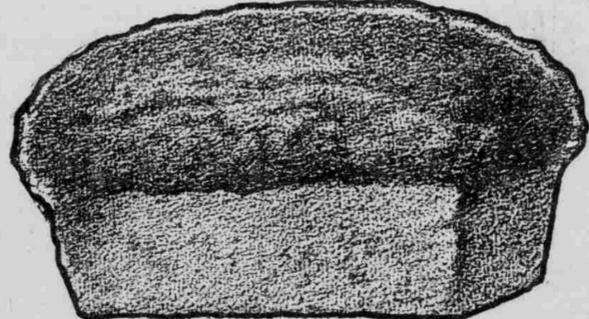
replace it with Wilson's—"For he kept us out of war"—"Tear down Lincoln's and replace it by Bryan's—who is for 'peace at any price'—ignore the teaching of Roosevelt—the great American, and vote for Cox.

Respectfully,
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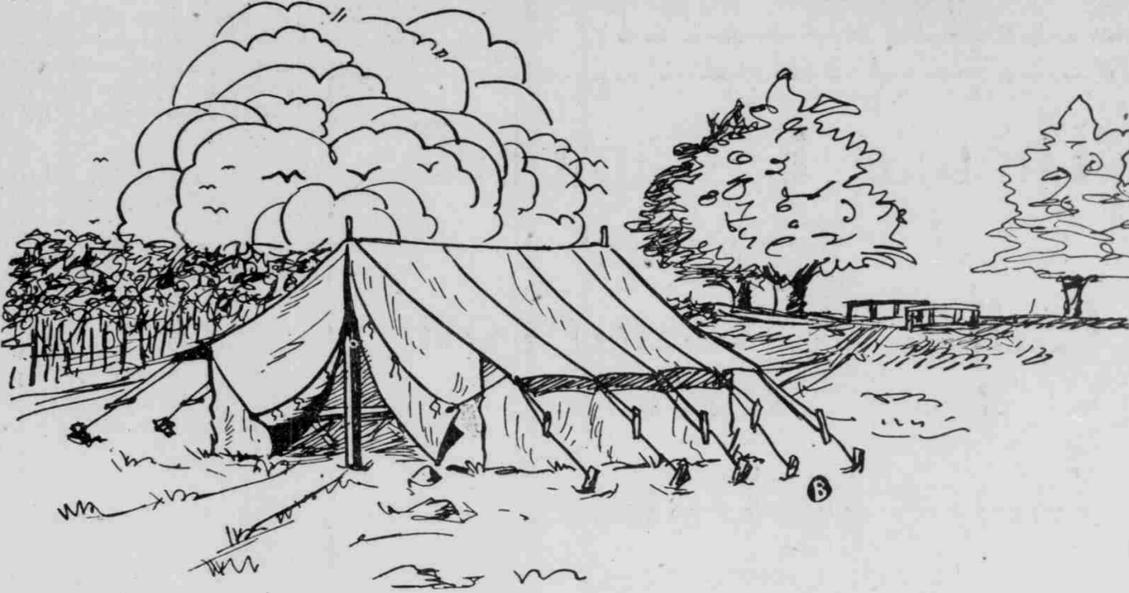
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